(a) whether Government has identified families living below the poverty line prior to the Food Security Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is of the view that for the proper implementation of the scheme identification of poor people should be in a proper manner, otherwise, the benefits of the scheme would be taken by dominant people; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government for proper identification of BPL families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) For proper targeting of poor families to be covered for entitlement for distribution of foodgrains under the proposed law, it is imperative to identify correctly such families.

Different aspects of the proposed Act, including estimates of poverty and methodology for identification of eligible below poverty line families, are presently being examined by Government.

Rottening of foodgrains in FCI godowns

954. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of tonnes of foodgrains is rotted every year in the godowns of FCI;

(b) if so, the details of rotten foodgrains during last three years, State-wise, year-wise and foodgrain-wise;

(c) the reasons for such negligence; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officials/authority guilty for rottening of foodgrains during last three years, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, some quantities of foodgrains with Food Corporation of India (FCI) are damaged due to various reasons, such as, cyclones, floods, acceptance of below specifications stocks and movement to other regions. The damaged foodgrains accrued in the godowns of FCI during last three years, State-wise, year-wise and foodgrain-wise are given in enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The foodgrains are stored by following scientific code of practices for storage. Timely prophylactic and curative treatments are carried out for the control of stored grains insect pests. However, during periodical inspections by various authorities if some quantities of foodgrains are found damaged due to negligence of some officials, suitable disciplinary actions are initiated against them.

Statement

Quantities of damaged foodgrains accrued in the godowns of F.C.I. during last three years, State-wise, year-wise and foodgrain-wise

(Fig in tons)

Sl. No.	Region	Wheat			Rice			Paddy			Maize			Total		
		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1.	Bihar	27	455	6	683	5403	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	713	5858	14
2.	Jharkhand	42	46	1	—	11	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	57	15
3.	Orissa	—	—	—	35	759	84	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	759	84
4.	West Bengal	230	24	84	288	765	1705	—	—	—	—	—	—	518	789	1789
5.	Assam	—	52	—	4905	99	83	—	—	—	—	—	—	4905	151	83
6.	NEF	—	—	—	1552	141	212	—	—	—	—	—	—	1552	141	212
7.	N&M	—	—	—	5	362	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	362	6
8.	Delhi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.	Haryana	9	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	16
10.	Himachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12.	Punjab	16	—	26	14074	23118	16772	—	—	—	—	—	—	14090	23118	16798
13.	Rajasthan	38	4	—	17	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	18	—
14.	Uttar Pradesh	7	9	62	2	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	40	62
15.	Uttaranchal	3	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	4
16.	Andhra Pradesh	15	—	—	415	139	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	430	139	—
17.	Kerala	244	—	7	54	42	91	—	—	—	—	—	—	298	42	98
18.	Karnataka	28	—	—	936	1459	74	—	—	—	—	—	—	964	1459	74
19.	Tamil Nadu	2	—	1	35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	1	1
20.	Gujarat	195	270	620	13	56	31	—	—	—	3	—	4(*)	211	326	655
21.	Maharashtra	60	51	110	1230	139	79	—	401	—	—	—	—	1290	591	189
22.	Madhya Pradesh	87	13	14	62	63	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	149	76	14
23.	Chhattisgarh	1	—	—	2	13	—	35	486	—	—	—	—	38	499	—
	TOTAL:	1004	924	947	24308	32615	19163	38	887	—	3	—	4(*)	25353	34426	20114

(*) Other foodgrains